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Dear Deborah,

Death has again taken another of my dear friends away. Last night at 11½ o clock my dear Uncle James Thornton departed this life. He had been sick for about two months, but not as we thought dangerously ill, 'till about a fortnight or so ago; since which he has sunk very rapidly — His sufferings have been very light — hardly perceptible, some disease of the brain — lethargic and unconscious of pain — His death was in harmony with his life, quiet and tranquil leaving a pleasant and cheerful look, radiant as it were with celestial glory — He was indeed a truely good man.

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The funeral will be on Tuesday 30th at 11. O'clock
His Sister Aunt Phoebe Horton has been
with him the last three weeks. She
is now the only survivor of the Potter
children. Would that you could
have heard Mr Potters sermon
Mr Morgan — without exception
I think it the most beautiful
tribute I ever heard. His text was
beauty in Ashes. After having spoken
of his many good qualities he said
as near as my memory serves me
something like. "As he looked upon
that marble face so beautiful &
pleasant in death, that it was
truly Beauty in form in Ashes, and he
wished that it could remain here
but God had divinely ordered
otherwise, for He wanted it to do
greater and more Angelic work
in heaven." When Jen visit again

Curli get it for you — I think it ought to be printed & mentioned it to Billy Rotch — These are glorious times; we are all up to the mark here, I assure you — Many a good sermon has been preached & I believe all for the entire abolition of Slavery — I heard the new Methodist Minister, who took Mr Crafts's place, last Sunday, Mr Study — he was all fight was willing to go himself — I told him afterwards, that I thought we were going through Purgatory, on our way to Paradise, and that the Stars of our National flag, which I had always considered Stars, were being transformed into Stars of celestial beauty, and the Stripes were becoming like the rays of the Morning Sun shining on a new created day — or as I afterwards

Dear Phebbie had expressed it, the pledge or twilight of the Slaves Redemption — Wasn't that a glorious Speech though? — The Star Spangled Banner was sung in the Unitarian Church to day & Potter gave a Roman of a sermon Among the many good things he said that there had been one great blot on the National flag — it had floated over the Auction Block of the Slave, but he prayed to God that after the battle was over whether sooner or later there would not be a Slave in the land and that the Flag should protect him — He thought we must fight in order to get peace — that we should sooner have peace by knocking the Slave Hunter down than to let him capture a fugitive Slave — it is gratifying to hear such language in the Gospel Church

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We look very warlike here— Six Guns are mounted on the Fourth ven fort & there is a Sunrise & Sun set gun fired therefrom— Men have been working all this day, (Sunday as it is) in throwing up Sand Banks down at Clarks Point where three large guns are mounted— Last night Ex Gov Clifford returned from Boston where he had been to get of the Gov Sons Cannon— Armed vessels also will be in the harbor & in the bay— Flags are daily being put up with Patriotic Speeches, & they can now be seen floating in the breeze all over the City— Our Band of Music is out daily, & our Dragoon Company ride through the Streets with

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heavy trump, armed cap-a-pie.
Even the War Horse snuffed
the battle afar off. Even the
Gov. of R. I. Sprague brought a beau-
tiful white Horse here for him-
self equal to the Celebrated
war horse Euphrates which
Napoleon had at Waterloo.
Also another splendid black
Charger was bought for the same
regiment. Our Guards went
off in good Spirits, and with
determined looks and will
undoubtedly do their duty.
Mr Clifford addressed them
from the steps of the City Hall before
they left. Money has been raised
for them. The ladies sewed several
days & evenings in the City Hall
on Garments, & Rachael Moreland &

Sally Anthony, went round getting
lint for bandages — All these things
and many others have been done
& are still doing — Notwithstanding
all this I remain as quiet and
tranquil as you please — adhering
more closely & even to my non fighting
principles, for it seems to me that
all liberty is based on peace —
I have daily thought of you but
divers things have prevented my
writing you — Rev Mr Rice preached
here last Sunday — I saw him
twice & he asked me to give you
his best regards when I wrote
& I assumed I would — he also
asked me to send him Phillips
Speech which I have — He
he was very strong in his Anti
Slavery feeling — more so than his Church
generally

I think Lincoln (I suppose it was he) was right when he wrote that the Lion of Democracy must lie down with the Lamb of Free Soilism. A little Negro was leading them. I told them to capture a fugitive slave to day & she said it must be the child John Brown kissed. My nephew Gilbert Thurston reached New York yesterday heavy laden drove away from Virginia, the allowing him twelve hours to quit. Frank Bacon Jun has enlisted in New York & Lincoln Commissioned Lincoln his namesake & formed one Company. The women & men were Cockades & the Stars & Stripes Carry the American Flag. Burnside's Good. Just received two cargoes of Wheat & the price of Flour has risen fifty. I hope it will prove good. Love to all & sincere prayers I Remain

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